

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-16 and 18 are directed to allowable subject matter. With this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1-4 and 16 and for purposes of improved clarity and claims 3 and 4 to include hydrogen as a possible substituent for R_8 , R_9 , and R_{10} . These amendments find support throughout the specification and claims. Applicants have added claims 32-39. These claims find support throughout the specification and in the claims, as filed. Applicants have amended withdrawn claims 19 and 21-31 and request rejoinder of these claims.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants herein confirm the election, with traverse, of Group I, claims 1-16, drawn to compounds and compositions, and the species compound of Example 2.

Applicants respectfully submit that Groups I-IV should be rejoined because examination of compounds of the present invention and methods of using these same compounds would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. For example, if the compounds of Group I are examined and deemed to be patentable, it follows that any method of treatment employing the same compounds are necessarily novel and unobvious. Accordingly, it would appear that examining all of the claims of Groups I-IV in a single application would not be unduly burdensome. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for rejoining Groups I and II and further request the rejoinder of Groups III and IV.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, enablement

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly non-enabled. Although Applicants do not agree, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants are canceling claim 17.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Favorable consideration and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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